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Old Glory Relay



That's a shot of me handing off the flag to Congresswoman McSally last Wednesday evening on the UA mall. It was the conclusion of my leg of the cross-country Old Glory Relay I've written about previously.





Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office 791-4601

Tucson Police
Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

Water Issues 791-3242/800-598-9449 Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Graffiti Removal 792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts 791-3171

Neighborhood Resources 837-5013

SunTran/SunLink 792-9222 TDD: 628-1565

> Environmental Services 791-3171

Park Tucson 791-5071

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care Center 724-5900

Pima County Vector Control Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve



Martha and I took a lap around campus, and as you can see we were trailed by multiple other runners who were carrying service specific flags, each honoring veterans who have served and who are serving our country.

The relay is sponsored by Team RWB – check them out at www.teamrwb.org. At that site, you'll see much more about the cross -country relay, how the organization helps our veterans, and how you can get involved in doing that.

Whether you have served in the military or not, you can still honor and respect those who have. Team RWB is one way to get involved.

Gun Violence



Last Thursday in Beaverton, Oregon, a guy killed himself, but only after having shot an eight-year-old girl and a six-year-old boy. Police are still investigating the circumstances around the incident, but unless you read the small print, even knowing of the horrific act passed off from your radar screen. As I write this, I have no way of knowing if background checks would have prevented the crime. Nor do I know if mental health treatment would have. What I

do know is that another week has gone by and finding an example of a gun-related death to fill the half-staff part of this newsletter was all too easy. It's how we solve our issues. And Congress won't act in any manner.

We can and we do act on a local level, though. A friend I met at St. Philip's in the Hills church, Mike Humphrey, called me one day to talk about how we might positively impact the police/civilian interactions we see too commonly on the news. The incidents we're focused on are traffic stops. I've written on multiple occasions that there's no such thing as a 'routine' traffic stop. Mike agrees, and together he and I, along with Susan Gamble from Santa Teresa Tile Works, began a conversation with Chief Magnus and his staff on how we might proactively work to prevent an unfortunate incident here in Tucson.

We have landed on distributing window stickers drivers can apply to their sun visors, dash boards, or to the lower corners of a driver's side window. Each sticker will list what the Chief told us are the most important actions a police officer would like to see drivers take when they're pulled over, so you know the list reflects TPD's input.

Here's an image of the stickers. We're printing up several hundred right now.



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- Please pull over to the right if possible, pull into a well lit parking lot.
- Roll down the driver's window.
- If there is a firearm in the vehicle, <u>do not touch it</u>. Tell
 the officer about the weapon and where it is located
 inside the vehicle. Place your hands on the steering
 wheel and await directions given to you by the officer.

This decal is presented to you as a service of Ward 6 and the Tucson Police Department.

The program is intended to simply give drivers a tool they can easily refer to when they see the dreaded red and blue lights in the rear view mirror. People freak out and panic. These reminders aim to ensure that the subsequent interaction takes place without any escalation.

At the Ward 6 office, we're all-in on anything we can do to help facilitate that.

We'll have stickers here at Ward 6. We'll also leave a stack with TPD so officers can hand them out to motorists as soon as they're available. I'm grateful to Mike for reaching out and working with Susan, me, and the Chief's office on this. And of course thanks are due to Chief Magnus and his Chief-of-Staff Chad Kasmar for working to get this program running.

We'll print more stickers when the first batch runs out. If you'd like to help fund some, let me know. I think this is an initiative people on all sides of the gun safety issue should be able to come together and agree to help with.

Look! Save A Life

Last Friday, I joined a large group of avid cyclists, law enforcement professionals, firefighters, and electeds down at Fire Station #1 to announce the Pima County



regional kick-off of the *Look! Save a Life* campaign. It's a national effort aimed at eliminating distracted driving. Though we continue to wait on the state legislature to pass a state-wide ban on texting while driving, we on the city council adopted our own ban over



Important Phone Numbers

> Senator John McCain (R) 520-670-6334

> Senator Jeff Flake (R) 520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R) (2nd District) (202) 225-2542 Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D) (3th District) 520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R) 602-542-4331 Tucson office: 520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild 520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map http:// maps.tucsonaz.gov /zoomTucson/ three years ago.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates human error causes 94% of all vehicle crashes. They go on to identify three main areas of distracted driving: visual distractions, manual distractions, and cognitive distractions. While you're texting, you're guilty of all three of those distractions. The NHTSA also says any activity that takes a driver's eyes off the road for as little as three seconds doubles the risk of a wreck. But if you're combining visual, manual, and mental distractions, you jump that risk by 23 times.

Look! offers 10 safety tips on their website for both cyclists and car drivers. They're pretty intuitive.

For bikers:

- I. CYCLING CITIZENSHIP LEARN AND ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE ROAD
- 2. RIGHT ON DON'T RIDE FACING TRAFFIC
- 3. JOIN IN IF YOU'RE TRAVELLING AT THE SAME SPEED AS TRAFFIC, SOMETIMES IT'S SAFER TO JOIN THE TRAVEL LANE, ESPECIALLY APPROACHING A TURN
- 4. USE YOUR HEAD WEAR A HELMET
- 5. SEEING EYE TO EYE MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH DRIVERS
- 6. THE ROAD STRAIGHTLY TRAVELED RIDE PREDICTABLY / DON'T SWERVE AROUND
- 7. PLAYING DEFENSE ASSUME YOU'RE INVISIBLE TO TRAFFIC
- 8. FLAUNT IT WEAR BRIGHT COLORS
- 9. HELPING HANDS CARRY REPAIR EQUIPMENT
 10. BRAKE AWAY MAKE SURE YOUR BRAKES ARE IN
 GOOD CONDITION / AND I'D ADD THAT THEY'RE
 PROPERLY ADJUSTED

For cars:

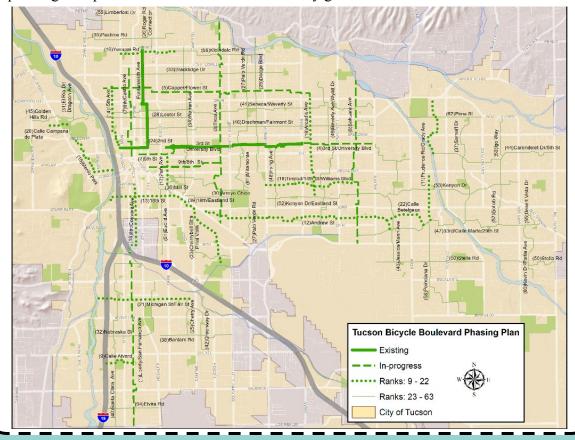
PASSING

- DIFFERENT BUT EQUAL TREAT BIKES AS YOU
 WOULD ANY OTHER SLOWER MOVING VEHICLE
 PATIENCE, NOT PATIENTS WAIT UNTIL IT'S SAFE
- TO PASS

 3. A PASSING GRADE ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 3' WHEN
- 4. THE RIGHT BEHAVIOR WATCH FOR CYCLISTS WHEN MAKING RIGHT HAND TURNS (PERSONAL NOTE EVERY TIME I RIDE ANY DISTANCE AT ALL, SOMEBODY MAKES THE OBLIGATORY RIGHT HAND TURN IN FRONT OF ME. WATCH!)

- 5. TO THE LEFT, TO THE LEFT WATCH FOR CYCLISTS COMING STRAIGHT WHEN YOU TURN LEFT
- 6. A BACK-UP PLAN BE CAREFUL WHEN BACKING UP / ESPECIALLY LOOKING FOR SMALL BIKES AND CHILDREN
- 7. EGRESS ETIQUETTE USE THE REAR VIEW MIRROR AND TURN TO LOOK BEFORE OPENING DOORS AT CURBS, OR MOVING OUT FROM A PARALLEL PARKING SPOT (EVER BEEN 'DOORED?' I HAVE. IT'S NOT FUN) 8. RESPECT CYCLISTS HAVE A RIGHT TO BE ON THE ROAD / RESPECT THAT
- 9. HONING YOUR HORNING HABIT PLEASE DON'T LAY ON YOUR HORN WHEN PASSING. IF YOU FEEL IT'S NECESSARY TO HONK, A COUPLE OF LIGHT TOOTS IS FINE
- 10. TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT JOIN US ON TWO WHEELS. IT'LL BE A GOOD WAY TO UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES WE FACE, AND YOU JUST MIGHT END UP ADOPTING IT AS A COMMUTER LIFESTYLE FROM TIME TO TIME.

And remember this map? It's our bike boulevard network. On October 19th, we'll discuss dropping the speed limit on at least the 3rd Street boulevard from 25 mph down to something around 20 mph. I'm all for starting with our existing bicycle boulevards and expanding the speed reduction out to others as they get built out.



Finally, Paul and I will soon be asking M&C to consider a local 'hands-free' ordinance.

That is, keep your phone out of your hands while driving. Remember growing up (to those of us who have more yesterdays than we have tomorrows)? Holding a telephone in our hands wasn't even an option. Now it has turned into just a normal part of driving. Simply put, it's not safe.

Many thanks are due to Brendan Lyons for getting our local *Look! Save a Life* campaign up and running. Now the burden shifts to the rest of us to walk it out.

An Environmental Invitation



locally-grown food.

For this week's Local Tucson item, you'll have the chance to visit an open house for Merchant's Garden on October 27th from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The vision is really pretty simple: feed our locality with healthy,



A short while back, Chaz Shelton brought his idea to me. We kicked around some possible locations for his operation. He ended up out at 555 S. Tucson Blvd. That's where the open house is going to be held. What you'll see is a greenhouse operation.

You'll also have a chance to hear how you can get personally involved in the work. They grow in both hydroponic and aquaponic mediums. Pretty cool stuff. They're setting up contracts with local businesses and school districts.

Come and join us for a walk



-through of the new site. We have some incredibly creative people working on our water issues, and we have savvy folks like Chaz working on the food security angle. I'd say Tucson has a lot of innovative thinkers we should be proud to call our neighbors.

Decriminalization of Marijuana - Prop 205

Shifting to growing of a different 'crop.' There will be two Propositions on the November ballot this year. You'll be getting the booklets in the mail soon. Since these are ballot

issues, I cannot use this city resource to advocate either way on any of the propositions. But I can use the newsletter as an informational platform. That's what this piece will be.

Prop 206 is the one that's asking for an increase in the minimum wage and the addition of paid leave time. Prop 205 is the one I'm writing about this week, though. It has to do with legalizing certain amounts of pot for personal use.

Under current law, marijuana is illegal unless you carry a medical marijuana card. I got this table from the Arizona Public Health website. It gives some of the current laws related to possession of pot.

Current Marijuana Possession Laws



- Currently, any possession of marijuana by a non-medical marijuana cardholder is a felony, even 1 marijuana cigarette
- In practice, many people charged with possession of small amounts are offered probation under the condition that they complete a treatment program (ARS 13-901.01)
- Only qualified Medical Marijuana Patients are currently protected from prosecution for possession. Qualified medical marijuana patients can legally possess up to 2.5 ounces (70.7 grams) of marijuana, or 12 plants if they are authorized to cultivate
- Qualified medical marijuana caregivers can possess more than 2.5 ounces (up to 2.5 oz per patient- limit 5 patients)



They also published a chart that shows what changes if Prop 205 passes. It was actually a much longer table, but I selected out this portion since it tracks more counterpoints to the first table.

Marijuana Laws, if Initiative Passes



- Anyone 21 or older could legally possess up to 1 ounce of marijuana (about 40 60 joints); including a maximum of 5 grams of concentrated marijuana (as an extract, resin or as an extract and resin ingredient in edibles)
- Anyone 21 and older would be able to grow up to 6 of their own marijuana plants as long as they meet security standards (limit 12 per household) and possess all the marijuana the plants produce
- Anyone under 21 possessing less than 1 ounce of marijuana (or less than 5 grams of concentrate) could be charged with a petty offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$300 and up to 24 hours of community restitution

 Anyone (21 or older) who sells or gives any marijuana to a non-medical marijuana cardholder under 21 could be charged with a petty offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$300



The Proposition is called the "Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act." If passed, it will set up an Arizona Department of Marijuana Licenses and Control, plus a seven member Commission, appointed by Ducey. The Commission would have four members who have no financial interests in existing dispensaries and three who do. The new agency would set up rules governing new pot businesses, and the commission would be able to approve or deny licenses.

The first medical marijuana dispensary opened in December of 2012. If this act passes, the Agency is to have the rules for sales in place by September 2017. The first legal sales of non-medical pot would begin in March of 2018.

The law will not prevent employers from adopting workplace rules for the use of pot. It will also not prohibit civil and criminal penalties for driving a car while you're high. Cities may adopt reasonable zoning regulations, but they cannot opt-out of the Act unless allowed to do so by a voter initiative. Landlords and property owners can, however, prevent use and growing on their property.

The Act is projected to bring in anywhere from \$53M up to \$113M, depending on whose estimates you believe. Retail stores are to include a 15% surcharge (tax) on sales. If you are a medical marijuana card holder, you're exempt from that tax. The proceeds from those surcharge revenues are earmarked as follows:

- 40% to school districts and charter schools for things like teachers' salaries, operations costs for K---12 education
- 40% to school districts and charter schools for full-day kindergarten
- 20% to the Arizona Department of Health Services, who would distribute the funds to AZ Poison Control Centers for public education regarding the harms of alcohol, marijuana and other substances

Retail sales to non-medical purchasers would be limited to an ounce of pot. The number of retail outlets is estimated to be capped at 147 statewide. And for the first two years, only existing medical marijuana dispensaries would be allowed to apply for permits to sell to the non-medical community.

Here's where I'd normally add my comments. But, I can't. So please do your homework and do what you believe is best for the health of the community.

Another Legal Item – Paying for Visiting Political Campaigns

A while back, I urged the city to try to recoup money we had to spend when the Trump and Sanders campaigns came to town. We sent bills for uncompensated police coverage to both campaigns. The Trump campaign hasn't responded. But last week we heard back from the Sanders campaign. In essence, they told us they're not paying for security services ordered by the Secret Service that were not approved by the campaign ahead of time. Here are a couple of excerpts from the letter we received:

Re: City of Tucson, Arizona License Agreement No. 477430-2016-03

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This firm serves as legal counsel to Bernie 2016, Inc., the official campaign committee for Senator Bernie Sanders' 2016 U.S. presidential bid (the "Campaign"). We are in receipt of your letter dated September 20, 2016, relating to the Campaign's March 18, 2016, event at the Tucson Convention Center. In that letter, you assert that the Campaign owes \$44,013.00 to SMG – Tucson Convention Center for "security and for crowd and traffic control" under a license agreement entered into on March 16, 2016. Specifically, you state that "[p]ursuant to Section 3.D and 4.B.2 of the license agreement, [the Campaign is] responsible for these payments."

We are writing to notify you that the Campaign is not responsible for payment to the City of Tucson for its staffing of on-duty members of the Tucson Police Department at the March 18 event. The Campaign (1) did not agree to pay for such expenses as part of its license agreement with SMG – Tucson Convention, (2) did not arrange or request for the Tucson Police Department to provide such services, and (3) is not otherwise obligated to pay for the cost of the Tucson Police Department's activities on

The Campaign did not contract for, nor did it request or arrange for the Tucson Police Department to provide public safety at the Campaign event. As you may or may not know, a third party – the U.S. Secret Service – typically made arrangements for all security matters with regard to Senator Sanders during his presidential campaign. The level of security or public safety requirements anticipated for any particular event were not dictated by the Campaign. Therefore, to the extent the Secret Service independently contacted the Tucson Police Department or any other local law enforcement organization to assist in its security detail, the law enforcement organization should discuss cost-sharing matters directly with the Secret Service.

First, let me say that I fully understand these sorts of costs are traditionally covered by the local jurisdiction. That doesn't make me like or support it. Regardless of the legal position taken by the Sanders people (and evidently by the Trump folks, too) it's my position that campaigns should absorb the security costs that attach to their visits to jurisdictions. They're out raising ungodly amounts of money to run for office. Instead of putting those dollars into sleazy media plays, how about making the taxpayers in the cities you visit whole for the costs of services they provide?

But they're not. The *Star* buried a little story on this over the weekend in which all that was discussed as a city option was a lawsuit. Had the reporter asked, I'd have told him that's foolish. We're not going to waste taxpayer money suing campaigns. But we're not without options going forward. I will be asking that we do a better job next time of letting incoming campaigns know what police services are being ordered. If they won't agree to the costs up front, we advise them that we're then not bound to provide the coverage. Somebody has to be the first to say 'no.' I'm happy to be that person.

Road Issues

Last week the M&C gave direction to the City Manager to move forward with a ballot question related to road repair. There may also be public safety and parks questions – either tied to the road piece or separate – but the road part will be framed as a Charter revision tied to increasing our sales taxing authority.

Right now we're capped at a 2% sales tax by the terms of our City Charter. Changing the charter requires voter approval. We're talking about putting questions out for a May special

election to ask for approval to increase the 2% by $\frac{1}{2}$ %, and then to earmark that increase to road work and likely some public safety components, too. The parks question is being discussed in the context of a November property tax issue.

Increasing our sales tax by \(\frac{1}{2}\%\) is projected to yield about \$50M annually. We still need to decide what portion of that would go toward the roads and what portion would be earmarked for public safety. And for each of those pieces, we still need to specify exactly what the new money is going to fund. That's the 'devil's in the details' part.

We're also talking about whether or not to sunset the sales tax increase in five years. I expressed a few related thoughts during the study session. First, we are not going to fix all of the roads in five years. For me, at least the road portion should not be sunsetting five years from now. I am in favor of simply laying it on the line; we have a road preservation obligation. We need a dedicated, long-term funding source. Let's use some portion of the sales tax increase for that purpose and not have to revisit this again in five years. The necessary caveats, though, are that we identify the roads that will be repaired in at least the first five year cycle; increase the portion of the money that's dedicated to residential streets; retain the Bond Oversight Committee to monitor how the money is being spent; and specify what portion of the ½ cent increase is going to roads versus public safety.

For the public safety piece, I will be looking for a clear list of what we're asking you to fund. Generalities such as 'remodel fire stations' isn't going to be enough. We need to identify needs and put costs on addressing them. Then we can have the conversation about how much goes to public safety. I am comfortable with earmarking much of the public safety component of a sales tax increase to funding new vehicles. Those are long lead time items, they're costly beyond our ability to fund them through general operating funds, and what we have now is well beyond its useful life.

We'll also hear about sidewalks and general connectivity of our pedestrian infrastructure. Right now we don't know if that will be tied to a parks question, or even what our true needs are in that area. As with public safety, we need more specificity before taking anything to the voters. That same thing is true of how we address a 'needs list' for parks.

Back to roads – the staff estimate is that a ½ cent sales tax increase would cost the average consumer a little under \$3 per month. I believe some road-related portion of that amount is a good investment in the community to ask voters to approve. How the rest of the items shake out is yet to be determined.



Also road related is the news we received **Historic Preservation**[®] last week from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. That's a privately

funded nonprofit whose purpose is to preserve historic places. Last week they added the Broadway Sunshine Mile to their list of endangered locales. This is a link to an article describing the whole list and the process they went through in making this designation: www.theguardian.com/us-news/gallery/2016/oct/05/endangered-historic-places-inamerica-pictures.

As I said to Betty Beard from the *Tucson Sentinel*, much of the alignment and demolition questions were captured in the April vote M&C made when they set the 30% alignment in place. That vote also began a 120-day meter for the demolition of buildings that are touched by the widening project. Still, I've got some hope that the land use discussions now underway with the Vint group and staff may yield some positive results, even if those don't meet the full hopes of the Trust and other preservationist interests.

I thought it was pretty cool to see Monica's Deco depicted in the Trust material. The other 10 sites named on their 'endangered' list are these:



Mitchel parks domes – Milwaukee
Embarcardaro – San Francisco
Delta Queen – Louisiana
Historic Downtown Flemington – Flemington, N.J.
James River – James River, Va.
Lions Municipal Golf Course – Austin, Texas
Azlklwe – Nkrumah Hall at Lincoln Univ. Pennsylvania
Bears Ears – Colorado Plateau, Utah
Charleston Naval Hospital District – North Charelston,
South Carolina
Chihuahulta and El Segundo Barrio neighborhoods – El

I didn't know what most of those were until going to their site and reading the short description on each. Some pretty cool stuff. We'll see how/if this designation affects the ongoing widening conversations we're having.

Paso

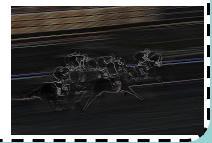
Demolitions in the works include these:

Activity #	Val Total	Entered Date	Status	Type	Address	Square Ft
T16BU01267	\$0.00	09/21/2016	APPLIED	DEMO	1901 E BROADWAY BL	0
					1913 E BROADWAY BL	0
					1915 E BROADWAY BL	0
					1923 E BROADWAY BL	0
					1925 E BROADWAY BL	0
T16BU01272	\$0.00	09/21/2016	APPLIED	DEMO	2021 E BROADWAY BL	0

The 1900 addresses are all at the northeast corner of Campbell and Broadway – the old Albert's Garage complex. Since there are actually multiple parcels all sitting closely together, they needed to pull separate demo permits on each. But even though the above table is what's showing in our monthly demo list, I'm told that actually the only demo

permits that have been pulled are for 1901 (Albert's), 2021 (Film Creations), and 15 N Vine. They expect those three demos to be completed within the next 60 days.

Multiple conversations going on, new designations being awarded – lots of jockeying for position happening while the momentum toward 60% design is still ongoing.



Ronstadt Transit Center

Sort of on the roads topic – because it's transit – we are continuing to move ahead with the Ronstadt Transit Center (RTC) pre-development agreement. Last week we gave approval for the City Attorney and City Manager to get with the group that proposed on the redevelopment to dot some final i's before bringing a final draft back to M&C. At that point, it can be sent to the FTA for approval. The project needs that approval since a major portion of the site is funded by federal transit dollars.

This process began back in 2014. Hundreds of people have been included in the discussions leading up to our finally awarding the right to redevelop the RTC to one of the two teams who bid on the work. We made that award in November of 2015. I believe everyone on the M&C is a bit troubled that we're not further along in the process, but the step we took last week was important. And tied to the action was the requirement that we see some results by early next year. Otherwise, we have reserved the right to go in a new direction.

As proposed, the project will include a total remake on the transit piece, open air markets, residential space, a boutique hotel on the corner of 6th and Congress, plus other retail. The full value of the investment is \$67M. As proposed, it'd be phased such that the transit element would be addressed in the first couple of years, and the final few years of construction would take care of the rest. Like I said, we're all eager to see some movement. We'll see in January if the project is for real, or if we need to hit the reset button.

124 E Broadway



Photo credit: AE Araiza

Another downtown project we're moving ahead is the sale and redevelopment of the old Access TV building.

The building is the old VFW site. It was built back in 1948. The city bought it in 1991. Now we're looking to sell it as a part of our downtown revitalization process.

The minimum bid we will allow on the site is \$2M. We'll also require that a historic easement will be preserved in whatever is built on the site. That means the exterior façade you see will be maintained. Staff is moving forward with the solicitation. The building is right on the streetcar line, will be adjacent to the new AC Marriott, and across the way will be the newly redeveloped Ronstadt Transit Center – lots of activity around 124 so we're hopeful investors will take a long view of the opportunity.



Dogtoberfest

Sunday, October 23rd is this year's Dogtoberfest for Handi-Dogs. It's great to no longer be having to write about dogs being maimed out at Tucson Greyhound Park, and instead to write about events such as this.

Last year they had over 1,400 people come to this event. They

had hundreds of pups at it, too. The event is a fundraiser for the work Handi-Dogs does in the area of service and therapy dog training. The event is actually a carnival for dogs and their parents. They'll have games, music, food – and it's totally family friendly.

The event will be held at The Gregory School – 3231 N. Craycroft. It'll run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you'd like more information on anything related to the carnival, please contact JoAnn Turnbull over at Handi-Dogs. Her email address is joann@handi-dogs.org. Their phone number is 326.3412. They do a wonderful job of community outreach with a tool that touches lives in so many ways.

This link will send you to the event flyer: <u>Dogtoberfest for Handi-Dogs</u>



As a result of DV, nearly 6,000 Tucsonans use the services at Emerge! every year. That's adults in need, and children as well. I was happy to help promote Domestic Violence (DV) Awareness Month last year – and I'm equally willing to do so this year. It's a community public health issue that gets far too little notice.

In order to effectively address DV, you need to know the warning signs. There are red flags you should be aware of. The folks at Emerge! teach that it's easy to hide abusive behaviors even until after marriage. So knowing what to look for is an important tool.

Here are some of the warning signs Emerge! places on their list:

Controlling behaviors: Telling their partner how to style their hair, what to wear, insisting to accompany their partner to appointments, becoming excessively angry if their partner is late or unavailable

Cruelty to children and/or animals: Having unrealistic expectations of capabilities, delivering overly harsh punishments

Disrespect: Speaking disrespectfully to partner, being rude to wait staff, being outwardly disrespectful to others of different social background, religion, race, etc.

History of violent behavior: Having a history of violence in past relationships is predictive of violence in future relationships

Isolation: Monopolizing partner's time, sabotaging partner's relationships with family/ friends, calling/texting to check up on partner

Impulsivity & mood swings: Having explosive mood swings (acting like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde), ranting and raving over minor things, not thinking through the consequences of actions

Jealousy: Showing excessive possessiveness, dropping by unexpectedly, having friends "keep an eye" on partner, accusing partner of flirting with others, making excuses for

jealous behavior by saying it is out of love

Minimization & blaming: Avoiding taking responsibility for actions, blaming others for problems and feelings, denying or minimizing

Quick involvement: Pushing a partner to commit to a relationship very quickly, rushing partner to move in, get married, or have children before they are ready

Threats of violence: Saying things like: "I'll kill myself if you leave me;" dismissing threats with comments like: "I was just joking/I didn't mean it"

Unrealistic expectations: Expecting their partner to be perfect and to meet all of their needs, or to conform to rigid gender roles, or feeling that their needs come before their partner's needs

Double Standards Having a different set of rules and expectations for their partner and their self

Use of force or coercion during sex: Guilt-tripping partner into having sex, showing little concern over whether partner wants or does not want sex

Another thing they teach at Emerge! is that it's not okay to ignore it when friends are caught in an abusive relationship. Please don't hesitate to call for assistance, whether it's you who's the victim or someone you know. The 24 hour hotline is 888.428.0101.

Another October Awareness Item



This month we're also celebrating Disability Rehabilitation Employment Awareness Month (DREAM). The city has a Commission on Disability Issues (CODI). On Wednesday, October 12th, CODI has booked the Turquiose Crystal Ballroom down at the Tucson Convention Center from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. It's for a job fair, dedicated to connecting job seekers who have disabilities with local employers. If you're an employer or if you are unemployed and have a disability, this job fair is one in which you should participate.

There is a 70% unemployment rate among the disabled community in Tucson. It's truly an untapped resource. We're grateful to the 11 nonprofits that are working right now to make these DREAM events happen throughout October.

Pima College STEM Event

Add one more important event to your calendar. This one's happening on Saturday, October 15th over at the Pima Community College (PCC) west campus. From 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm, this year's STEM Innovation Challenge Showcase will take up residence over at PCC west in the cafeteria and auditorium. It's actually both STEM and STEAM

since there's an 'arts' component to the showcase as well.

Just as the CODI job fair is aimed at connecting members of the disabled community with potential jobs, this PCC event is similarly aimed at allowing students to connect with potential business and other community partners. There is a full agenda of events scheduled. Look over the times and descriptions so you can choose those most appropriate for your interests and needs:

1:00-3:00 (cafeteria) - **Tabletop Exhibits and Interactive STEAM activities** by community partners, as well as performances by PCC fine arts students. Also, the public can vote a "Community Choice Award" for the best STEM student project

1:00-3:00 (various classrooms – map provided day of the event) – **Micro-Workshops**, ranging from a PCC Women in Technology Panel Discussion to "How Can Tucson Go Further in Space?"

1:00-3:00 (gym) – **Career Exploration Expo for Students**, hosted by JobPath, connecting students to PCC business partners.

3:00-4:00 (gym) – Local speakers, including **keynote by Nagin Cox, NASA/JPL Engineer and U.S. State Department citizen ambassador.**

4:00-4:45 (gym) – **STEM Innovation Challenge Spotlight!** featuring the competition between five PCC teams' STEM projects launched over the summer and supported by LeadLocal and the STEMAZing Project.

This last section is interesting because it demonstrates the spirit of the entire afternoon.

Each of the teams presenting projects consists of Pima students, faculty, and staff. They've also enlisted the support of business mentors in producing their projects. Members of the community are going to be asked to vote on the most innovative project concept. They're competing for seed funding for their ideas.

Pima is on a rebound. This event is an important indication of how they're addressing Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math. And they're doing it in a way that involves a direct outreach to the community – thus, Pima *Community* College.

Medea Benjamin Presentation

I opened with the Old Glory Run and me jogging with Congresswoman McSally. As you likely know, she's a retired A-10 pilot who served at DMAFB. In closing, and perhaps as a fitting counterpoint, I'll share this event with you. On Tuesday, October 11th, Medea Benjamin will speak on the topic of 'Building a Peace Economy.' She's the co-founder of Code Pink: Women for Peace and Global Exchange.

When the group first booked a meeting room at Ward 6, I offered to try to arrange a balanced discussion on the economy and military spending. Ms. Benjamin was willing to take part,



but for several understandable reasons, I wasn't able to get 'the other side' into the discussion. Some of it had to do with the logistics of getting military approval for something that would likely evolve into a policy discussion. Members in uniform wouldn't be allowed to participate in that sort of thing on the short notice I had to pull this together. The other honest truth is that the people I was trying to get involved take exception to some of the political activities Code Pink has taken part in. I was hoping to lay all of that aside and just talk economics – but wasn't able to get that done.

In the alternative, Medea will be speaking and taking questions on the 11th here in our Community Room (3202 E 1st Street). The event will run from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. It's of course free and open to all who'd like to come and take part. Based on her willingness to take part in a balanced panel discussion, I'm sure questions from those who may have views that differ from hers, as well as those of the Code Pink advocates, will be welcome as a part of the dialogue.

Sincerely,

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Events and Entertainment

Tucson Great Decision Association: TPP Discussion

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 | Doors open at 8:30 am, buffet starts at 9 am Viscount Suites Hotel, 4855 East Broadway

The Tucson Great Decisions Association is pleased to announce its fall speaker program: an informal discussion of the TPP, the proposed TransPacific Partnership. This trade deal could affect relations with some 50-plus countries and islands along both sides of the Pacific. What are the major components of the deal? Why is there such opposition? Come to hear both sides of the issue. Speaking in favor of the proposal is Lea Marques-Peterson, president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, while speaking against it is Phil Lopes, former Arizona state representative. The deadline for advance reservations is October 19th. Reserve online at www.tgda.org. The program is open to the public.

Envision Tucson Sustainable Festival 2016

Sunday, October 16, 2016 | 11 am – 4 pm

YWCA, 525 N Bonita Ave

This year's 6th annual Envision Tucson Sustainable Festival is dedicated to promoting all aspects of sustainability in Tucson and Southern Arizona. The event will feature local organizations and companies with exhibits on a wide range of key sustainability issues, from water and water harvesting to neighborhood resilience, from recycling and

composting to organic gardening, from green buildings to living with urban wildlife, and much more. www.envisiontucsonsustainable.org

Ongoing

<u>Tucson Botanical Gardens</u>, 2150 N Alvernon Way | <u>www.tucsonbotanical.org</u> "Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life" Exhibit, October 10, 2016 – May 31, 2017

<u>Southern Arizona Transportation Museum</u>, 414 N Toole Ave | <u>www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org</u>

<u>UA Mineral Museum</u>, 1601 E University Blvd | <u>www.uamineralmuseum.org</u>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childernsmuseumtucson.org